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Classified By: Ambassador Gary A. Grappo for Reasons 1.4 (b, d)

(C) The Ambassador delivered reftel information to the office of Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi on July 14. Bin Alawi's office promised to pass the message directly to the Minister, and informed the Ambassador that bin Alawi was currently in his native city of Salalah and would likely remain there for the duration of the month. (Note: The annual Khareef Festival in Salalah, one of Oman's biggest events attracting senior government officials and thousands of tourists, commences July 15 and will run into August. End Note.) Post will provide any further response septel.  
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